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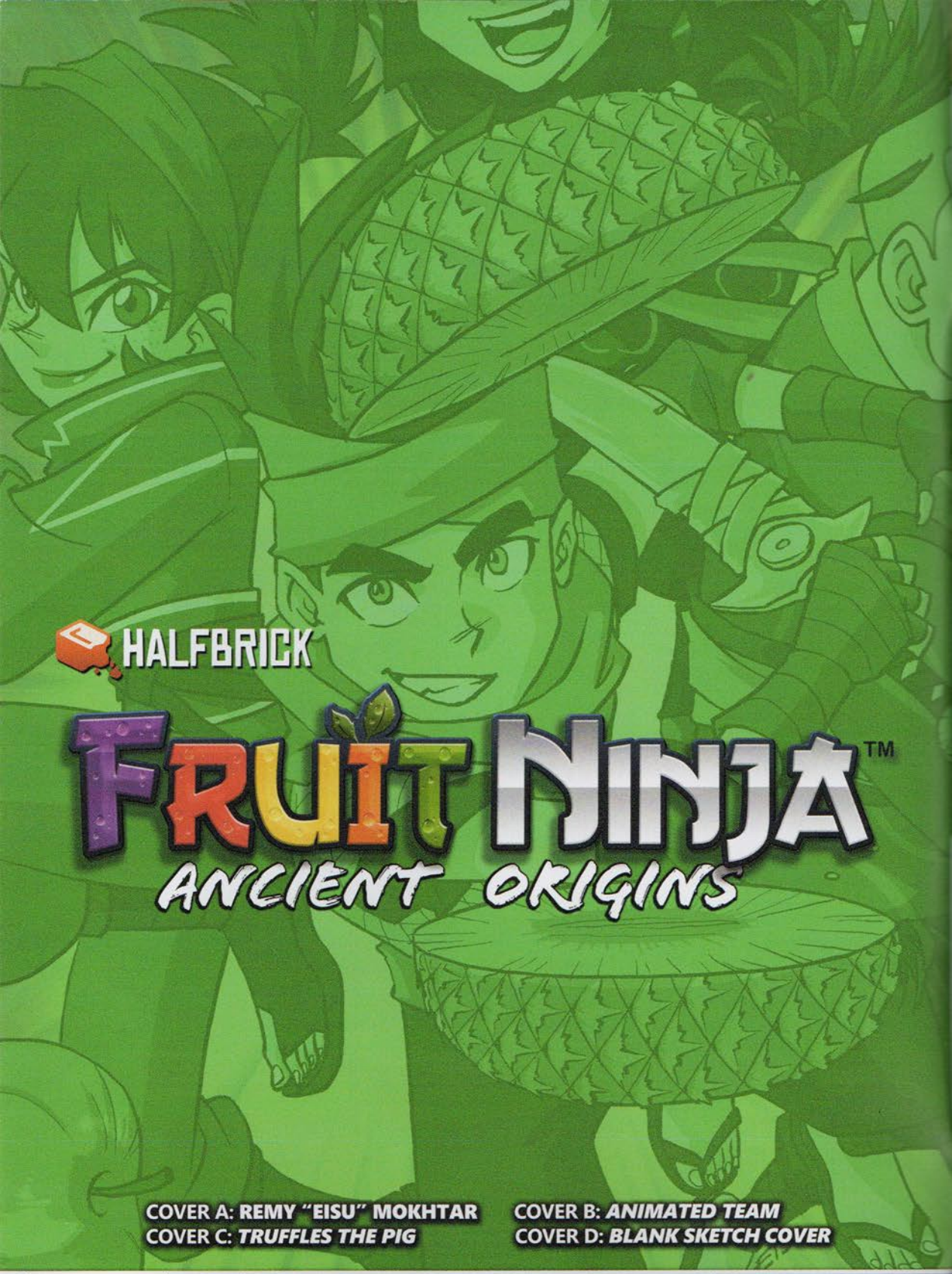

COVER A: **REMY "EISU" MOKHTAR**
COVER B: ***ANIMATED TEAM***
COVER C: ***TRUFFLES THE PIG***
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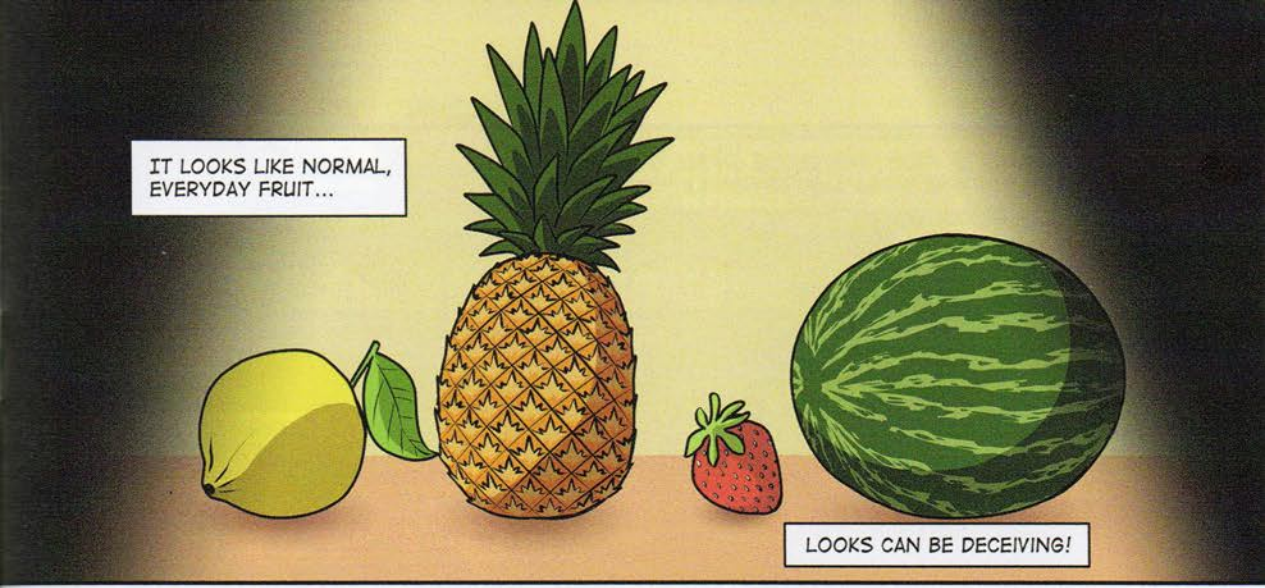
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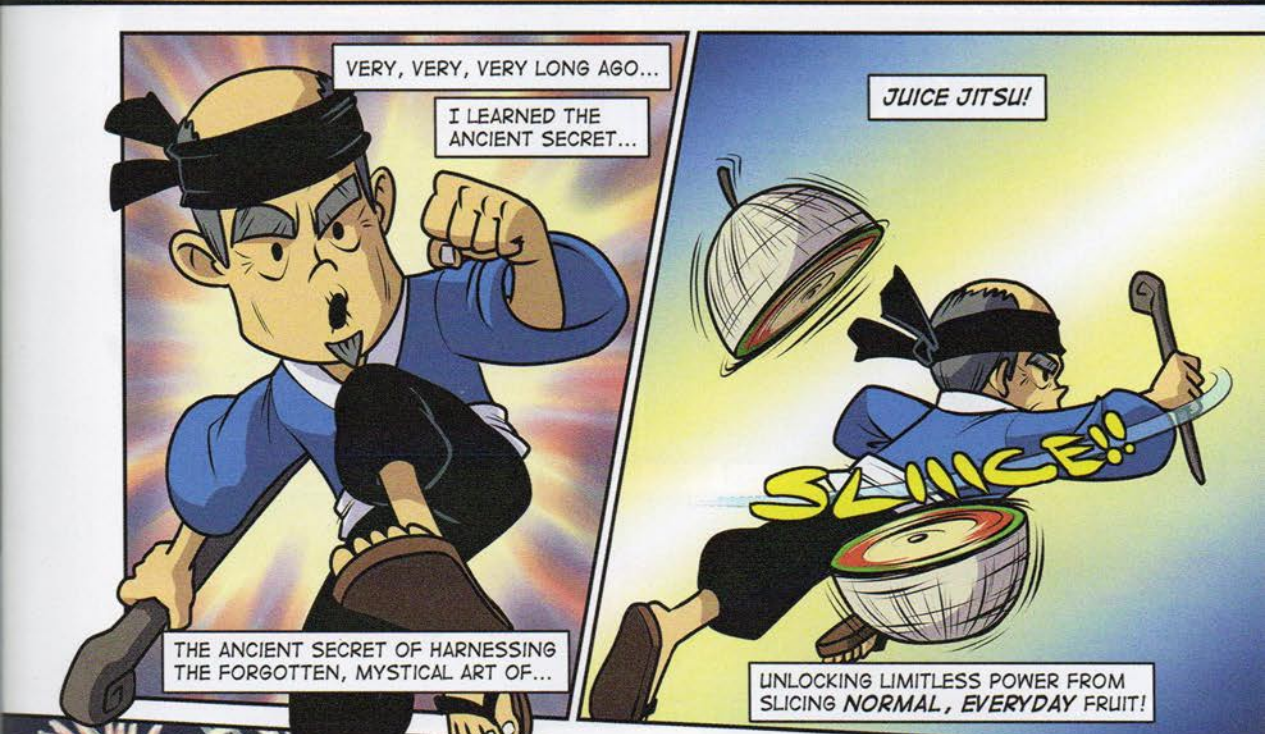
LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING!


VERY, VERY, VERY LONG AGO...
I LEARNED THE ANCIENT SECRET...
THE ANCIENT SECRET OF HARNESSING THE FORGOTTEN, MYSTICAL ART OF...
JUICE JITSU!
SLICE!!
UNLOCKING LIMITLESS POWER FROM SLICING NORMAL, EVERYDAY FRUIT!

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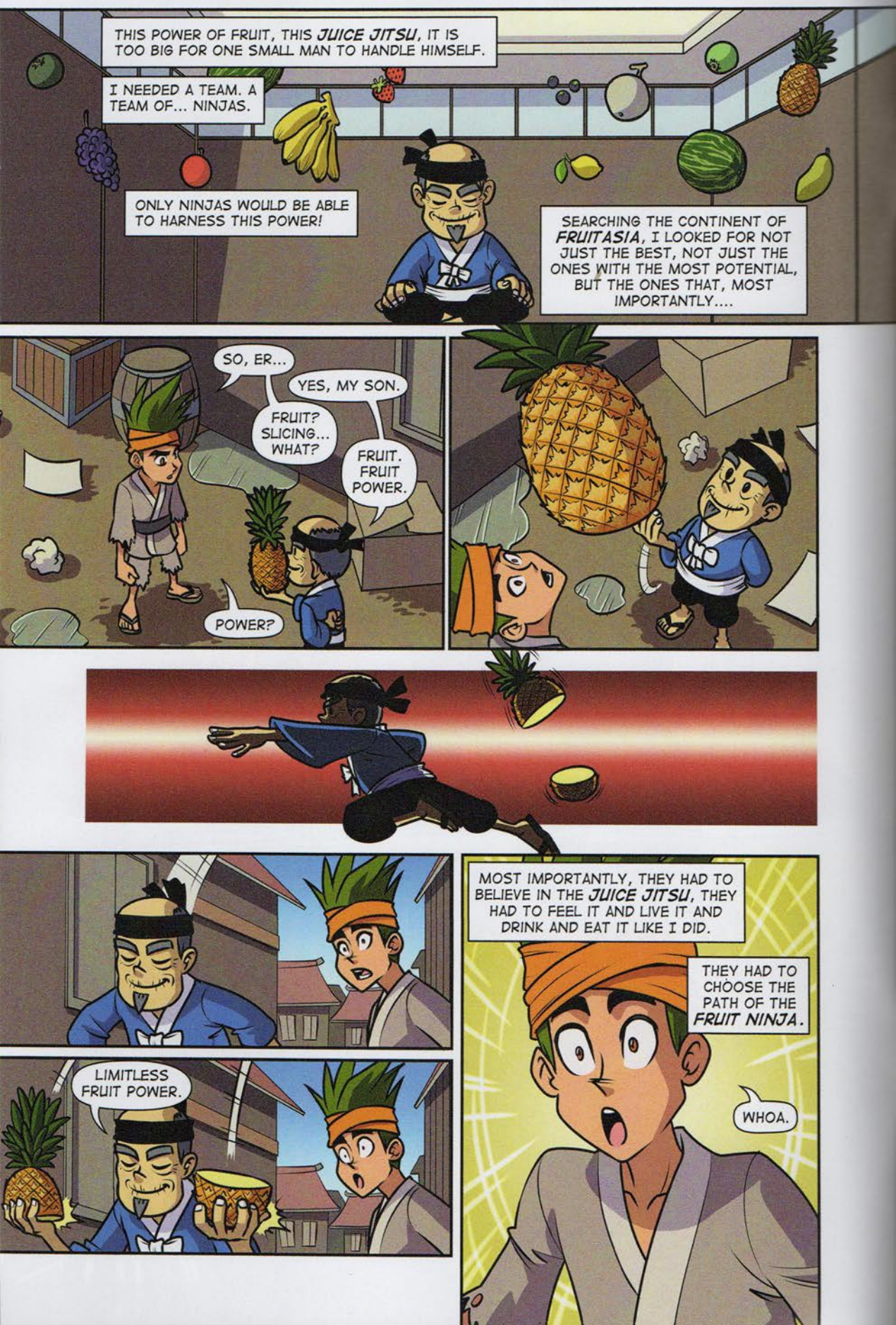
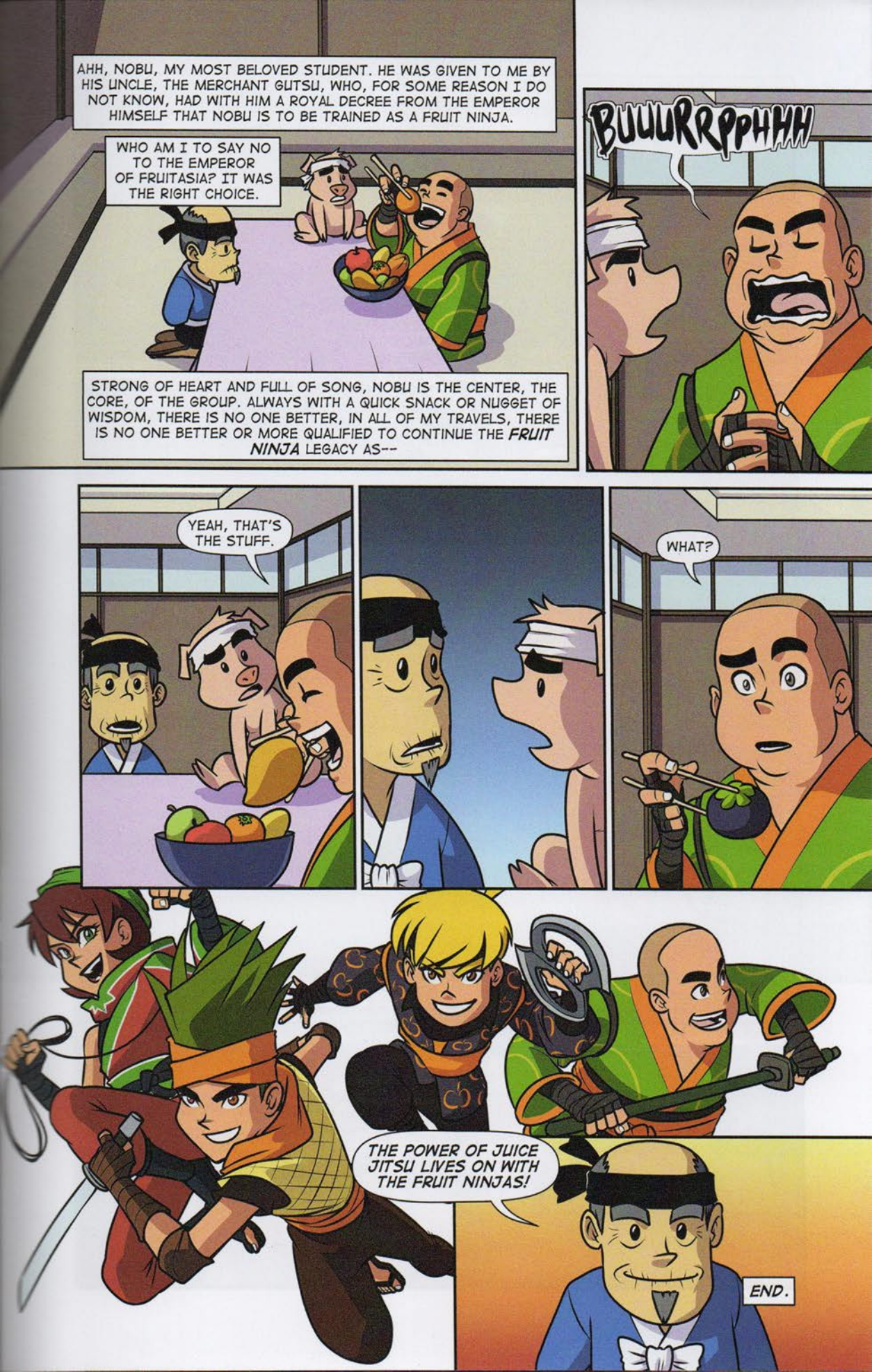
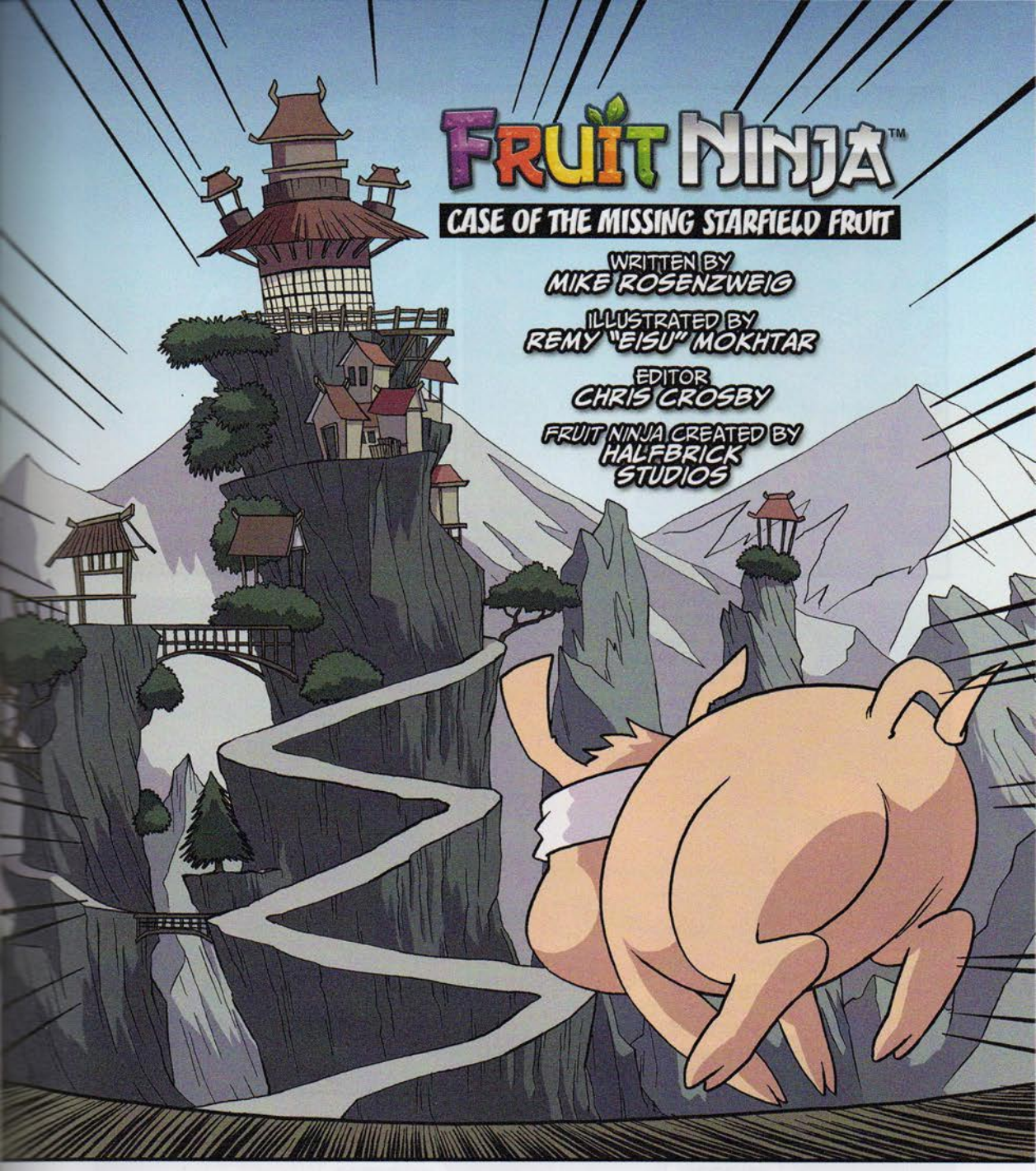

THIS POWER OF FRUIT, THIS JUICE JITSU, IT IS TOO BIG FOR ONE SMALL MAN TO HANDLE HIMSELF.
I NEEDED A TEAM. A TEAM OF... NINJAS.
ONLY NINJAS WOULD BE ABLE TO HARNESS THIS POWER!
SEARCHING THE CONTINENT OF FRUITASIA, I LOOKED FOR NOT JUST THE BEST, NOT JUST THE ONES WITH THE MOST POTENTIAL, BUT THE ONES THAT, MOST IMPORTANTLY....
SO, ER...
YES, MY SON.
FRUIT? SLICING... WHAT?
FRUIT. FRUIT POWER.
POWER?
LIMITLESS FRUIT POWER.
MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY HAD TO BELIEVE IN THE JUICE JITSU, THEY HAD TO FEEL IT AND LIVE IT AND DRINK AND EAT IT LIKE I DID.
THEY HAD TO CHOOSE THE PATH OF THE FRUIT NINJA.
WHOA.

THIS IS KATSURO, I FOUND HIM LIVING AS A STREET URCHIN IN THE TOWN CLOSEST TO THE DOJO, SEEDVILLE. SEEDVILLE IS NOT THE RICHEST TOWN, AND KATSURO STOOD OUT, A PRINCE OF THIEVES AMONG, UH, LESSER PRINCELY THIEVES.
KATSURO IS A BALL OF ENERGY, ALWAYS MOVING, ALWAYS THINKING, MOSTLY ALWAYS MOVING.
DOJO LIFE MAY NOT FIT HIM AS WELL, BUT TIME WILL TELL IF BELONGS THERE.
MY SEARCH TOOK ME TO THE FAR NORTH, TO THE FROZEN WONDERLAND OF EEPRULS, WHERE FRUIT IS FROZEN INTO SLUSHIES... AND WHERE EVERYONE LIKES SLUSHIES.
I TRIED ONE OF THEIR FAMOUS FROZEN FRUIT SLUSHIES. I LIKE IT.
HERE IS WHERE I FOUND MARI.
MARI WAS EASY TO FIND, ALL I HAD TO DO WAS LOOK UP!
SHE IS QUITE THE VERTICAL ATHLETE, SORT OF OUR RESIDENT SKY FRUIT NINJA –
(I'VE SURMISED SHE IS A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL AT "THE FLOOR IS LAVA)
BUT MARI IS MOSTLY A STUDENT OF HISTORY. SHE HAS TAKEN RESIDENCE IN THE DOJO ARCHIVES, CONSTANTLY READING AND LEARNING AND REALLY LEARNING.
MARI HAS UNEARTHED SOME ANCIENT GOLDEN AGE OF FRUIT SECRETS THAT I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT I NEVER KNEW EXISTED.
AREN'T YOU COLD?
NO, I AM SENSEI. WHO IS THIS COLD?
SIGH...

THE BROTHERS SEARCHED ME OUT FROM A FAR OFF LAND WHERE FRUIT IS SPARSE AND JUICE JITSU IS A MYTH...
I TOOK THEM BOTH IN, EACH SHOWED THEIR OWN POTENTIAL FOR UNLOCKING FRUIT BASED ENERGY.
YOU MIGHT BE OLDER, BUT YOU ARE NO MATCH OF MY JUICE JITSU EXPERTISE!
HAN, WITH HIS HUBRIS AND CHIVALRY, WITH HIS NON-STOP TRAINING AND DELICATE EMBROIDERY--
I KNEW HE WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL.
BROTHER, PLEASE! OLDER IS ALWAYS BETTER AND IF NOT?
THEN AT LEAST IT'S STILL ALWAYS OLDER!
HIS BROTHER, HOWEVER... RINJIN...
RINJIN DIPPED INTO SOME DARK FRUIT ARTS, I SOON REALIZED THERE WAS NO ROOM IN THE FRUIT NINJA DOJO FOR SUCH NEGATIVE ENERGY.
I HAD TO ASK HIM TO LEAVE...
I WILL HAVE MY REVENGE.
WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN MY BIGGEST MISTAKE...
HE LANDED IN A NEIGHBORING KINGDOM, WHERE THE POWERS OF JUICE JITSU ARE CORRUPTED AND TWISTED WITH DARKNESS AND FRY OIL. IT IS RULED BY THE DEEP FRIED SAMURAI, WHOSE POWER IS GROWING AND I FEAR A CONFRONTATION IS ABOUT TO... BOIL OVER...


AHH, NOBU, MY MOST BELOVED STUDENT. HE WAS GIVEN TO ME BY HIS UNCLE, THE MERCHANT GUTSU, WHO, FOR SOME REASON I DO NOT KNOW, HAD WITH HIM A ROYAL DECREE FROM THE EMPEROR HIMSELF THAT NOBU IS TO BE TRAINED AS A FRUIT NINJA.
WHO AM I TO SAY NO TO THE EMPEROR OF FRUITASIA? IT WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE.
STRONG OF HEART AND FULL OF SONG, NOBU IS THE CENTER, THE CORE, OF THE GROUP. ALWAYS WITH A QUICK SNACK OR NUGGET OF WISDOM, THERE IS NO ONE BETTER, IN ALL OF MY TRAVELS, THERE IS NO ONE BETTER OR MORE QUALIFIED TO CONTINUE THE FRUIT NINJA LEGACY AS--
BUUURRPPHHH
YEAH, THAT'S THE STUFF.
WHAT?
THE POWER OF JUICE JITSU LIVES ON WITH THE FRUIT NINJAS!
END.

SNORE!
TRUFFLES! MY BELOVED PIG! THE WORST HAS HAPPENED! THE TREASURE CHEST! THE STARFIELD FRUIT! THE ONE THE SENSEI GAVE ME... IT'S...
IT'S GONE!
YOINK!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?! THAT FRUIT IS AS OLD AS THE TANGY DYNASTY! IT'S ONE OF THE LAST RELICS OF THE GOLDEN AGE!
AND SOMEONE STOLE IT!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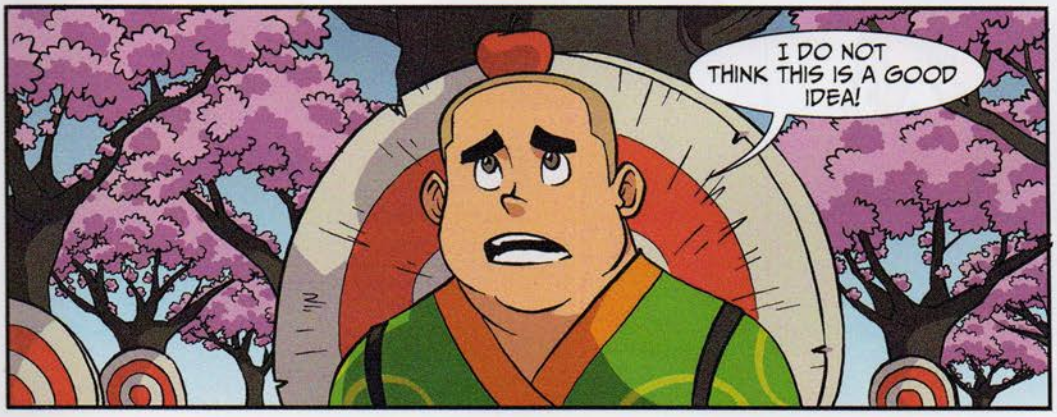
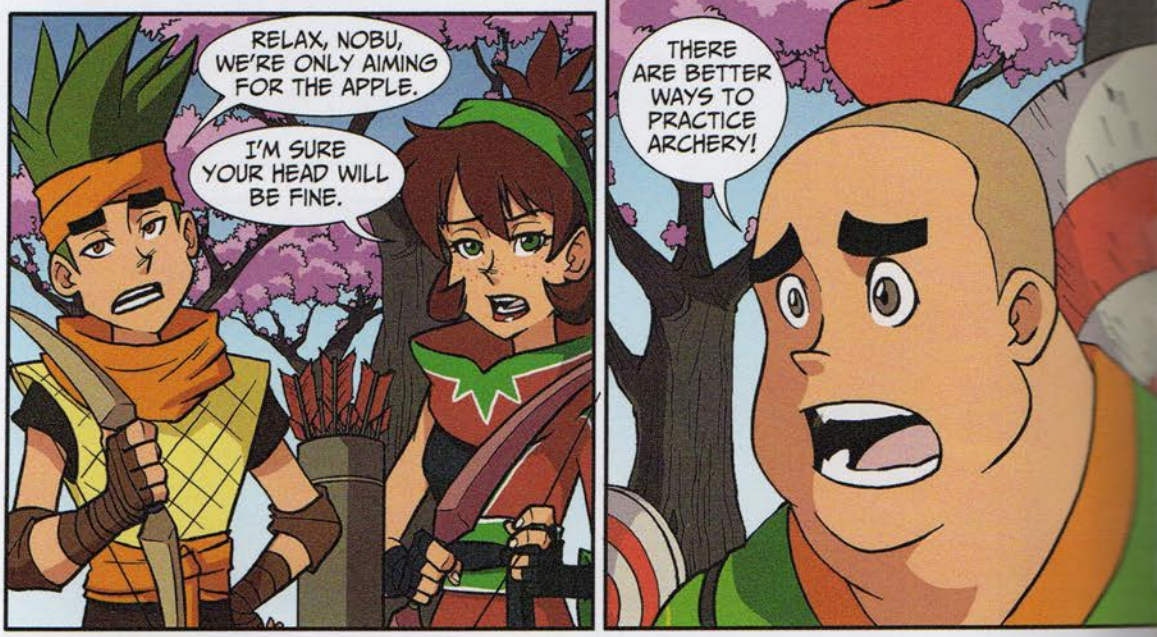

I DO NOT THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA!


RELAX, NOBU, WE'RE ONLY AIMING FOR THE APPLE.
I'M SURE YOUR HEAD WILL BE FINE.
THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO PRACTICE ARCHERY!

I USED TO SHOOT ARROWS ALL THE TIME BACK IN SEEDVILLE.
I'M ALREADY AN EXPERT, NOBU.
TIME FOR APPLE SLICES! I'M STARVING!
OINK!

WHOOPS!
WHOOPS?

BONUS PULL-OUT POSTER

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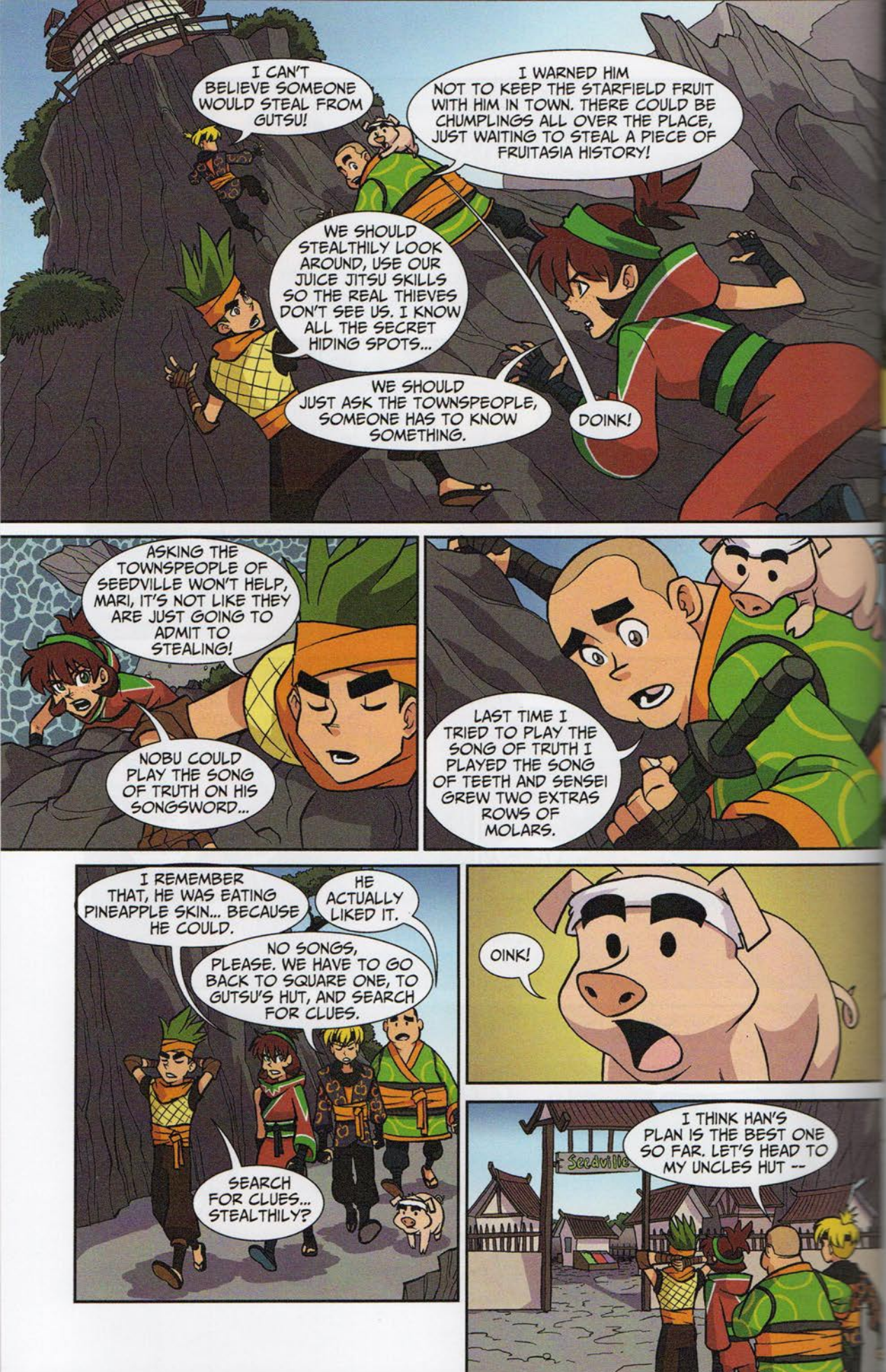
KRAK!
SLICE!
LUNCH IS SERVED!
ER, THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, HAN.
NO PROBLEM!
GRRRR....
YOINK!
I'M NOT MAD, KATSURO, I WAS ABOUT TO CATCH THAT ARROW WITH MY MOUTH...
SURE YOU WERE.
SO, TRUFFLES HERE LOOKS LIKE HE HAS SOMETHING TO TELL US? IS THAT TRUE, BOY?
OINK YOINK OINK BURP!
HMM, THAT'S TROUBLING.

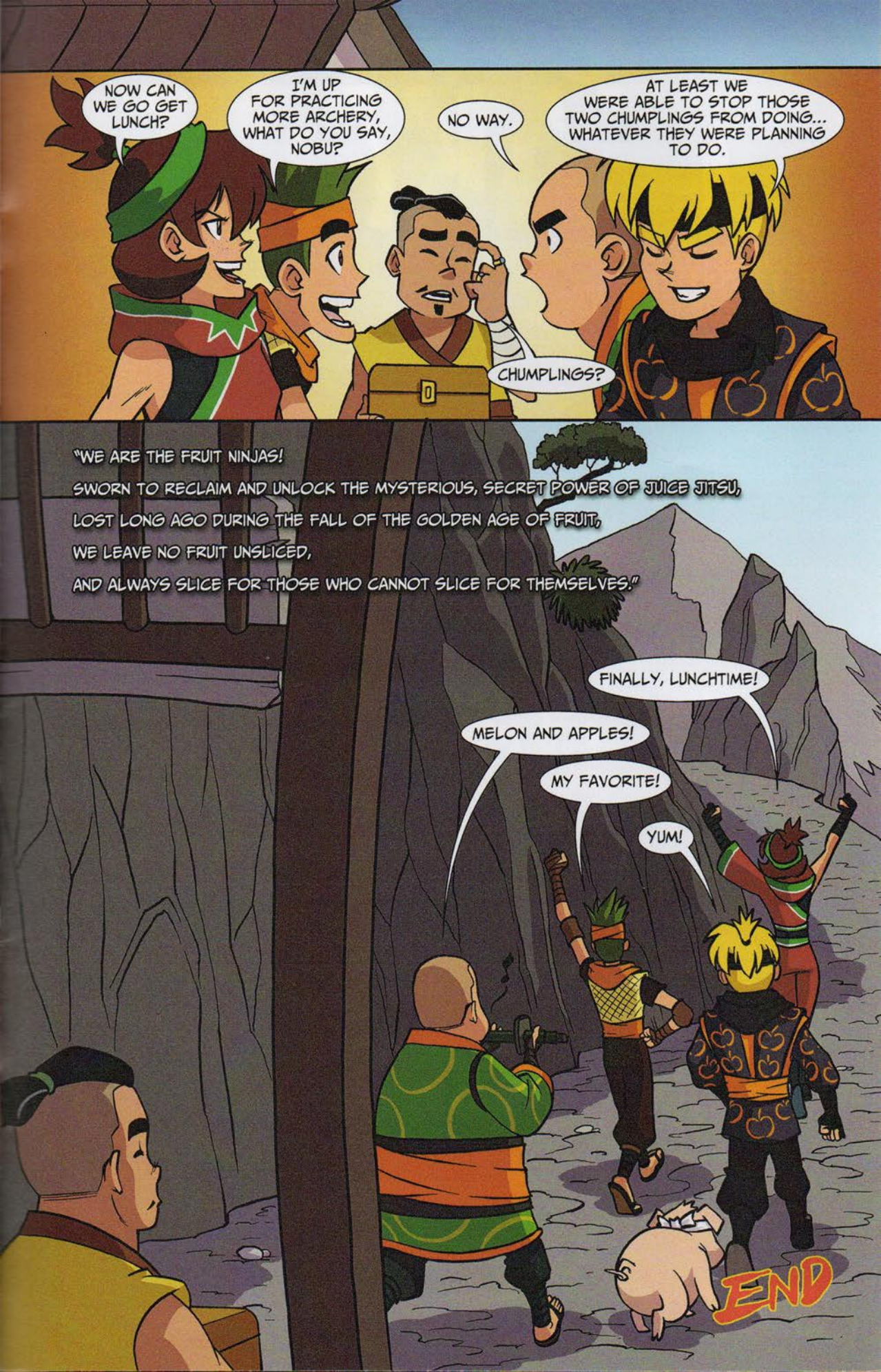

I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE WOULD STEAL FROM GUTSU!
I WARNED HIM NOT TO KEEP THE STARFIELD FRUIT WITH HIM IN TOWN. THERE COULD BE CHUMPLINGS ALL OVER THE PLACE, JUST WAITING TO STEAL A PIECE OF FRUITASIA HISTORY!
WE SHOULD STEALTHILY LOOK AROUND, USE OUR JUICE JITSU SKILLS SO THE REAL THIEVES DON'T SEE US. I KNOW ALL THE SECRET HIDING SPOTS...
WE SHOULD JUST ASK THE TOWNSPEOPLE, SOMEONE HAS TO KNOW SOMETHING.
DOINK!
ASKING THE TOWNSPEOPLE OF SEEDVILLE WON'T HELP, MARI, IT'S NOT LIKE THEY ARE JUST GOING TO ADMIT TO STEALING!
NOBU COULD PLAY THE SONG OF TRUTH ON HIS SONGSWORD...
LAST TIME I TRIED TO PLAY THE SONG OF TRUTH I PLAYED THE SONG OF TEETH AND SENSEI GREW TWO EXTRAS ROWS OF MOLARS.
I REMEMBER THAT, HE WAS EATING PINEAPPLE SKIN... BECAUSE HE COULD.
HE ACTUALLY LIKED IT.
NO SONGS, PLEASE. WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO SQUARE ONE, TO GUTSU'S HUT, AND SEARCH FOR CLUES.
SEARCH FOR CLUES... STEALTHILY?
OINK!
Seedville
I THINK HAN'S PLAN IS THE BEST ONE SO FAR. LET'S HEAD TO MY UNCLES HUT --

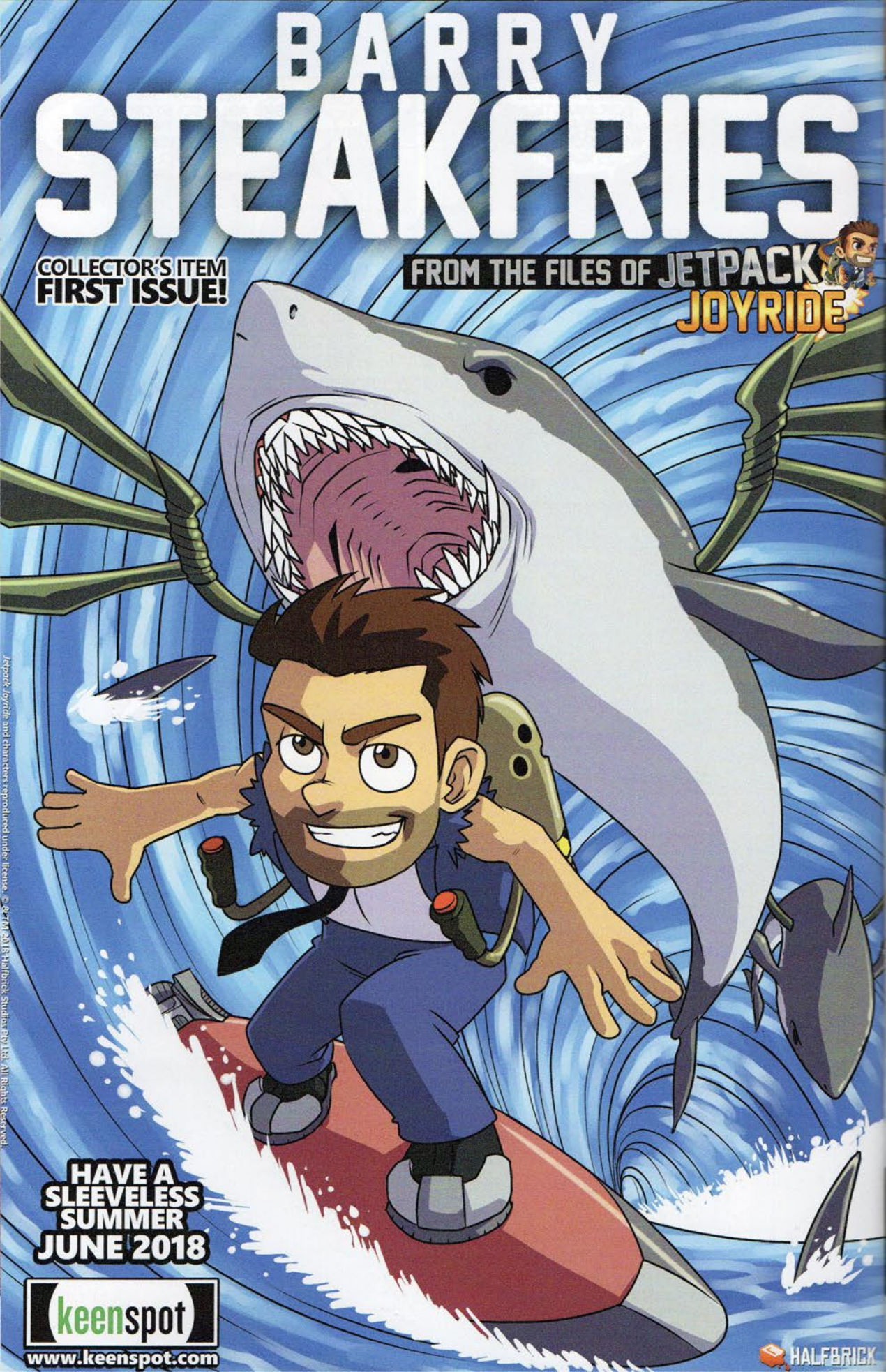
BOOM!
WHAT?!
COUGH!
BOOM!
CHUMPLINGS!
WHAT A LUCKY DAY FOR US!
IT'S NOT EVERYDAY WHERE WE CAN AMBUSH THE FRUIT NINJAS!
LET'S CAPTURE THEM AND BRING THEIR WEAPONS TO THE DEEP FRIED SAMURAI!
HE'S GOING TO BE SO PROUD!
RIGHT? SO PROUD!
THE MOST PROUD EVER!
SSSSSSSSS
KOOMF!!
GAH!
ER?!
MYSTERY SOLVED -- THESE TWO OBVIOUSLY STOLE GUTSU'S PRECIOUS FRUIT!
ABOUT TO PLAY: ATTACK OF THE MELONS!

I BET YOUR MELON-CHOLY THAT YOU MISSED ME, FRUIT NINJA!
SMASH!
THAT...
... IS...
...
ACTUALLY A PRETTY GOOD PUN.
CRASH!!

LET'S SEARCH THEM FOR THE TREASURE CHEST, MAYBE WE CAN BE HOME FOR LUNCH!
YES! I'M STARVING!
NICE JOB! LOOKS LIKE YOU SOLVED THE MYSTERY!
SORRY WE COULDN'T HELP. THAT SMOKE BOMB KNOCKED US FOR A LOOP.
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY HAVE GUTSU'S CHEST...
MOINK.
TO ME IT'S CLEAR, THESE GUYS WERE PROBABLY JUST A DIVERSION TO THE REAL THIEF. WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO GUTSU'S TO LOOK FOR CLUES.
DEEP FRIED SAMURAI HAS TO BE INVOLVED!
WE CAN QUESTION THE CHUMPLINGS WHEN THEY WAKE UP?
OINK!!

Seedville
FRUIT NINJAS! TRUFFLES! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!
GUTSU... IS THAT THE CHEST WHERE THE STARFIELD FRUIT IS KEPT?
THE ONE THAT WAS STOLEN?
YES, I... I HAD HID IT UNDER MY BED, AND THEN... I COULDN'T FIND IT...
I MAY HAVE JUMPED TO CONCLUSIONS.
HAHAHAHAHA!


NOW CAN WE GO GET LUNCH?
I'M UP FOR PRACTICING MORE ARCHERY, WHAT DO YOU SAY, NOBU?
NO WAY.
AT LEAST WE WERE ABLE TO STOP THOSE TWO CHUMPLINGS FROM DOING... WHATEVER THEY WERE PLANNING TO DO.
CHUMPLINGS?
"WE ARE THE FRUIT NINJAS!
SWORN TO RECLAIM AND UNLOCK THE MYSTERIOUS, SECRET POWER OF JUICE JITSU,
LOST LONG AGO DURING THE FALL OF THE GOLDEN AGE OF FRUIT,
WE LEAVE NO FRUIT UNSLICED,
AND ALWAYS SLICE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SLICE FOR THEMSELVES."
FINALLY, LUNCHTIME!
MELON AND APPLES!
MY FAVORITE!
YUM!
END



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